

Positive Alternatives 2017 - 19 Quarterly Update

Grantee (Name and city): Cradle of Hope, Roseville

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Goal: To promote positive alternatives to abortion by providing material and financial assistance as well as access to online resources.

For the period/quarter: July – September 2017 / Quarter 5

Activity or Service	Activity or Service Description Major Work Plan Activities	Work Plan Count	Program Progress and Accomplishments Report the progress and accomplishments made this period on each activity.	Report Count
Administrative Activities	Ensure contract compliance with all programming, operations, and materials. Provide contract oversight for Cradle of Hope. Provide guidance to grant staff. Attend required grant meetings. Hire new grant staff if needed. Responsible for budget, revisions, and oversight.		We are present at all required meetings and webinars and compliant with all contractual programming, operations, and materials. There were no budget revisions required and billing has been submitted in a timely manner.	
Outreach	Ensure that all partnering agencies are able to submit CoH applications electronically through the CoH website and provide the necessary support to address and resolve any issues that may develop. Provide easy access to online resources pertaining to education, employment, and parenting via our		We continue to provide ongoing support to partnering agencies so they can submit applications electronically through the CoH website. Effective November 1, 2017 we will only be accepting electronic applications. Each of the partnering agency sites are receiving individualized support to ensure they have access to and are familiar with the online application process.	

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	newly enhanced website. Promote COH services statewide to new sites, organizations and hospitals			
Crib Distribution/ Sleep Safety Education	Effectively communicate and collaborate with partnering agencies to distribute portable cribs, which include safe slumber information, to eligible moms. Cribs are a safe place for baby to sleep and become a symbol of hope for mom.	350	With the online application process, applications for portable cribs are processed efficiently and in a timely manner. Each partner agency can easily track their pending and approved portable crib applications. Questions about a specific portable crib application can be addressed quickly so that sites can maintain a fluid inventory of cribs available for families.	375
Financial Assistance	Effectively communicate and collaborate with partnering agencies to distribute rent/mortgage assistance to eligible moms so mom and family can stay in their home.	65	Individual applications for rent and mortgage assistance often represent unique needs relating to the applicant's pregnancy or recent birth of baby. We carefully review applications with the partner agency to collaborate on a course of action, to determine additional resources available, and review family circumstances.	88
Provide Necessary Services to all clients	Provide intake assessment to determine need. Provide women with information on, referral to, and assistance with securing pregnancy support services. Utilize the resource database to provide information and make referrals.	415	The Director of Programs has been fielding all incoming calls and providing callers with resources as well as a referral to a local partner agency for more ongoing support. We have updated/added to our online employment resources located on the CoH website to better assist families.	463

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Provide Necessary Services Assessments Only	Provide intake assessment to determine need. Provide women with information on, referral to, and assistance with securing pregnancy support services. Utilize the resource database to provide information and make referrals.	132	Callers to Cradle of Hope are referred from community social services, 211, hospitals, county economic assistance, and concerned family members. Each caller is provided an intake to determine need and eligibility for program services. Community resources, online resources, and a referral to a local partnering agency for more support are part of the service.	155
Sleep Safety Education/ Outreach	Ensure that CoH follows National Safe Sleep Gold Level Standards. Utilize and incorporate safe slumber materials from reputable sources. Incorporates the Cribs for Kids Parent and Caregiver Training Curriculum into trainings on how to properly set up and use the portable crib. Educate partnering agencies, parents, and the public on infant safe sleep environment best practices by developing and implementing online, onsite, and remote trainings. Create a CoH Safe Sleep training checklist to ensure all necessary topics are reviewed. Reduce barriers for obtaining a portable crib by providing ongoing training to our partnering agencies throughout MN. Increase the	27	A partner agency safe sleep training packet is currently under development. The number of pregnant women identifying on the application as Native American has steadily increased, many of these a result of increased applications from partners added in the last six months. We now partner with more than 16 county public health departments across the state.	31

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	number of CoH cribs sites in rural MN by 50%. Increase the number of CoH crib sites in Tribal communities and those serving Native American populations by 50%.			

Maternal and Child Health Initiative Task Force Strategies	No.
<i>Number of women who received car seats and car seat safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	0
<i>Number of women who received car seat safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	0
<i>Number of women who received child abuse prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	0
<i>Number of women who received abusive head trauma (shaken baby) prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	0
<i>Number of women who received a baby bed, crib, or pack-n-play and sleep safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	375
<i>Number of women who received sleep safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	375

Challenges:

We have experienced a slight increase in the amount of portable cribs and financial assistance we have been able to distribute/provide. This can be attributed to delay in securing Cradle of Hope office space. I anticipate our numbers next quarter to be closer to our projected work plan count.

Comments: